

Department of Justice

§ 17.105

(e) U.S. Postal Service and Canadian registered mail with registered mail receipt between United States Government and Canadian government installations in the United States and Canada; or

(f) Government and Government contract vehicles including aircraft, ships of the U.S. Navy, civil service operated U.S. Naval ships, and ships of U.S. registry when these carriers are under appropriately cleared escort personnel. Appropriately cleared operators of vehicles, officers of ships or pilots of aircraft who are U.S. citizens may be designated as escorts provided the control of the carrier is maintained on a 24-hour basis. The escort shall protect the shipment at all times, through personal observation or authorized storage to prevent inspection, tampering, pilferage, or unauthorized access. However, observation of the shipment is not required during the period it is stored in an aircraft or ship in connection with flight or sea transit, provided the shipment is loaded into a compartment that is not accessible to any unauthorized persons or in a specialized secure, safe-like container.

§ 17.103 Transmission of classified information to foreign governments.

Subsequent to a determination by competent authority that classified information may be released to a foreign government, it shall be transmitted only to an embassy or official agency or representative of the recipient government.

§ 17.104 Envelopes or containers.

(a) Whenever classified information is transmitted, it shall be enclosed in two opaque sealed envelopes or similar wrappings where size permits, except as provided below.

(b) Whenever classified material is transmitted and the size of the material is not suitable for transmission in accordance with paragraph (a) of this section, it shall be enclosed in two opaque sealed containers, such as boxes or heavy wrappings.

(c) Material used for packaging shall be of such strength and durability as to provide security protection while in transit, to prevent items from breaking out of the container, and to facilitate

the detection of any tampering with the container. The outer wrappings shall conceal all classified characteristics.

§ 17.105 Addressing.

(a) Addresses forwarding classified information shall be specific so that couriers/messengers may easily identify the intended recipients. Use of office code numbers or such phrases in the address as "Attention: Research Department," or similar aids in expediting internal routing, in addition to the organization address is encouraged.

(b) Classified written information should be folded in such a manner that the text will not be in direct contact with the inner envelope or container. A receipt form shall be attached to or enclosed in the inner envelope or container for all classified information. When written materials of different classifications are transmitted in one package, they shall be wrapped in a single inner envelope or container. A receipt listing all classified information shall be attached or enclosed. The inner envelope or container shall be marked with the highest classification of the contents.

(c) The inner envelope or container shall show the address of the receiving activity, classification, including, where appropriate, the "Restricted Data" marking, and any applicable special instructions. It shall be carefully sealed to minimize the possibility of access without leaving evidence of tampering.

(d) An outer or single envelope or container shall show the complete and correct address of the receiving activity and the return address of the sender.

(e) An outer cover or single envelope or container shall not bear a classification marking, a listing of the contents divulging classified information, or any other unusual data or marks that might invite special attention to the fact that the contents are classified.

(f) Care must be taken to ensure that classified information intended only for the U.S. elements of international staffs or other organizations is addressed specifically to those elements.